ADDING WEIGHT TO YOUR TESTIMONY #6 "Godliness" 2 Peter 1:6

Intro: Martin Luther remarked that many Christians are like drunken peasants, falling off his donkey first on one side and then the other. The biblical instruction is for a balanced life. Here is a word challenging us to that task.

I. The Error/External Religion

A. Jesus Outlived

1. Scriptural observation Tithing

a. ***Matthew 23:23*** *23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.*

1. Minute division and counting

2. Upset/Breaking Sabbath

a. ***Matthew 12:1-2*** *1At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. 2 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!"*

b. ***Matthew 12:11-13*** *11 Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? 12 Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." 13 Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.*

c. ***Mark 2:27*** *27 And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.*

3. Absurdity/Soul/Imbalanced view of life

a. Strain at a knat and swallow a camel

B. Issue Bible/The Heart

1. Once while boarding a flight/Jewish man

a. Skull cap/took out prayer shawl/display ritual prayer/Torah

1.Clear/Pride/doing this to be seen.

2. Godliness/not an outward show from anything

a. Religious Prayer: "Lord our hearts burn within us"

1. Conference recently/affected speech; not normal tone

3.***1 Timothy 3:5*** *5 (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);*

II. Paul underlines to Timothy

A. Aim Gospel/To Produce in believers/Godliness

1. Michelangelo/Block of marble with a flow

a. No one would attempt sculpt/he studied intently

1. "There is an angel in that block yearning to be free"

NOTE: The result was the famous sculpture of David/

2. ***2 Peter 1:3*** *3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,*

B. In accord/Pottery/ "The Gospel scheme"

1. A lifestyle demonstrates God's work.

a. ***2 Peter 3:11*** *11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,*

1. God is the first resort in all issues of life.

2. Interesting to see/Religious Garb

a. Pine Loan Auto Court Branhamite woman

1. Long sleeves, hair in bun; Holy

b. Historically Jesus Only

c. Hasidic Jews/Black Garb

d. Priests Nuns Etc./Monks, Buddhist Priests

III. Get to the Heart of the Issue

A. Life lived conscious of God

1. Some commentators translate “Piety”

a. Reverential, worship fed

2. Living a life confessing the living and true God.

a. Living life in awareness of God: Or God consciousness

B. Emphasis/Practical Side

1. Going to effect what we pray/practice

a. ***1 Timothy 2:2*** *[2] for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.*

2. Pursue Doctrine/shapes character

a. ***Titus 1:1*** *[1] Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness,*

b. ***1 Timothy 6:3*** *[3] If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness,*

c. ***1 Timothy 4:8*** *[8] For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.*

d. ***1 Timothy 4:7*** *[7] But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.*

3. Governs material world view $

a. ***1 Timothy 6:5*** *[5] useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.*

b. ***1 Timothy 6:6*** *[6] Now godliness with contentment is great gain.*

4. Governs how we dress

a. ***1 Timothy 2:10*** *[10] but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.*

5. Finally expression mystery/Faith

a. ***2 Timothy 3:16*** *[16] All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,*

1. Note God’s great revelation involves him revealing himself in Heaven, personality, and working through in Jesus Christ.

2. ***Colossians 1:27*** *[27] To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*